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Forbes Announces Grant for Dinwiddie County Fire & Rescue

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Congressman Randy Forbes (VA-04) announced today a grant from the United States Fire Administration (USFA) for the seven-agency Dinwiddie County Fire and Rescue Association in the amount of **\$511,988**.

"I am so pleased that the Dinwiddie County Fire and Rescue Association received this well-deserved and much-needed funding to assist them in protecting and serving the residents of Dinwiddie," Forbes said. "This grant will enable approximately 200 dedicated volunteer firefighters, within seven Dinwiddie departments, to replace the self-contained breathing apparatus and upgrade fire gear and equipment to meet the National Fire Protection Standards."

The funding for Dinwiddie County Fire and Rescue Association is one of 138 grants allocated to fire departments throughout the country in the fifth round of the *2003 Assistance to Firefighter Grant Program*.

The *Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program*, administered by the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA), awards one-year grants directly to local fire departments, enhancing their abilities to respond to fire and fire-related hazards in their communities. These funds are used by the nation's firefighters to increase the effectiveness of firefighting operations, fire fighter health and safety programs, new fire apparatus, Emergency Medical Service programs, and Fire Prevention and Safety Programs.

"This is a wonderful opportunity to provide resources for those who give their time to serve Dinwiddie," said David Jolly, Dinwiddie Public Safety Coordinator.

Dinwiddie County Fire and Rescue Association has not been able to purchase or upgrade the necessary equipment all at the same time. By replacing all the equipment at once, the firefighters will have new versions or models of equipment, not different years of models as they currently use, according to Battalion Chief, Dennis Hale.

"The men and women who serve as firefighters risk their lives every day to provide safe and secure communities across the country," Forbes said. "I'm proud and honored to give them all of my support."

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